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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADOPTED BY OECD MINISTERS JUNE 23:

BEGIN TEXT:

DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. MINISTERS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS ON 23RD JUNE, 1977, DISCUSSED UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE LONGERTERM ORIENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION.

2. MINISTERS AFFIRMED THAT THE CIEC HAD PLAYED A VALUABLE ROLE IN BUILDING UP A CLIMATE OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

IT HAD PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A THOROUGH GLOBAL EXAMINATION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVED AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POINTS, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SOME OTHER IMPORTANT TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE OECD, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CIEC, JOINED TOGETHER IN WELCOMING THE AGREEMENTS THAT WERE REACHED THERE. THEY ALSO WELCOMED THE INTENTION OF SOME OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE CONFERENCE, TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH A SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED AT THAT CONFERENCE.

3. LOOKING AHEAD, THEY AGREED THAT FURTHER EFFORTS WERE NEEDED ON THE PART OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, ONE WHICH WOULD CREATE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE. THESE EFFORTS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A RETURN TO FULL HEALTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY WHICH IS THE CONCERN OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE. RECALLING THEIR DECLARATION OF 20TH MAY, 1975, MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO PURSUE ACTIVELY THE ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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FORA AND TO CO-OPERATE IN SOLVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN, THEREBY MAKING IT

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POSSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE INCREASINGLY IN THE BENEFITS OF AN IMPROVED AND EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY STRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DIALOGUE ON ENERGY.

4. WELCOMING THE PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ON MANY FRONTS, MINISTERS ACKNOWLEDGED THE
NECESSITY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARDS IMPROVED AND MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
CO-OPERATION POLICIES. THEY AFFIRMED THAT WHILE
DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CONCERNED RELATIONS BETWEEN
GOVERNMENTS ITS OBJECTIVE WAS THE WELL-BEING OF
INDIVIDUALS; DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION SHOULD THEREFORE
FULFIL THE DUAL PURPOSES OF GROWTH OF INCOMES AND
MEETING BASIC NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS IN ALL DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. THEY STRESSED THAT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
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SHOULD BE CLEARLY DIRECTED TO THESE PURPOSES. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICY CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION WOULD BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES OF INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. MINISTERS OF OECD COUNTRIES, DONORS OF AID, REAFFIRMED THE INTENTION, AS EXPRESSED BY THEIR COUNTRIES IN DIFFERENT FORA, TO INCREASE EFFECTIVELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY THEIR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND TO ACHIEVE AN IMPROVED BALANCE OF THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. THEY ANNOUNCED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DIRECT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, A PROGRESSIVELY LARGER SHARE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO PROGRAMMES MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. TO REALIZE THIS NEW ORIENTATION WITH RESPECT TO ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEY ALSO AGREED TO

REVIEW THE SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING GREATER VOLUME
AND MORE EFFICIENCY IN ITS USE IN AN ENLARGED
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